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自脫離袁術後，孫策在江東一帶大展拳腳，就連駐紮於當利口的劉繇大將張英也死於其戟下，小霸王之名從此威震江東。

其後，對繇聯合笮融、薛禮聯軍圍攻孫策。孫策為求速戰速決，使計毀壞凌操之墓並嫁禍劉繇，令己軍士氣沸騰，一鼓作氣大敗劉繇聯軍。

此外，一直不受劉繇重用的小將太史慈，自從與孫策一戰之後，深深佩服孫策的用人之道。

同時，愛才的孫策也生起收太史慈為旗下的念頭。

最終，孫策立竿視影，說服了太史慈誠心歸降。

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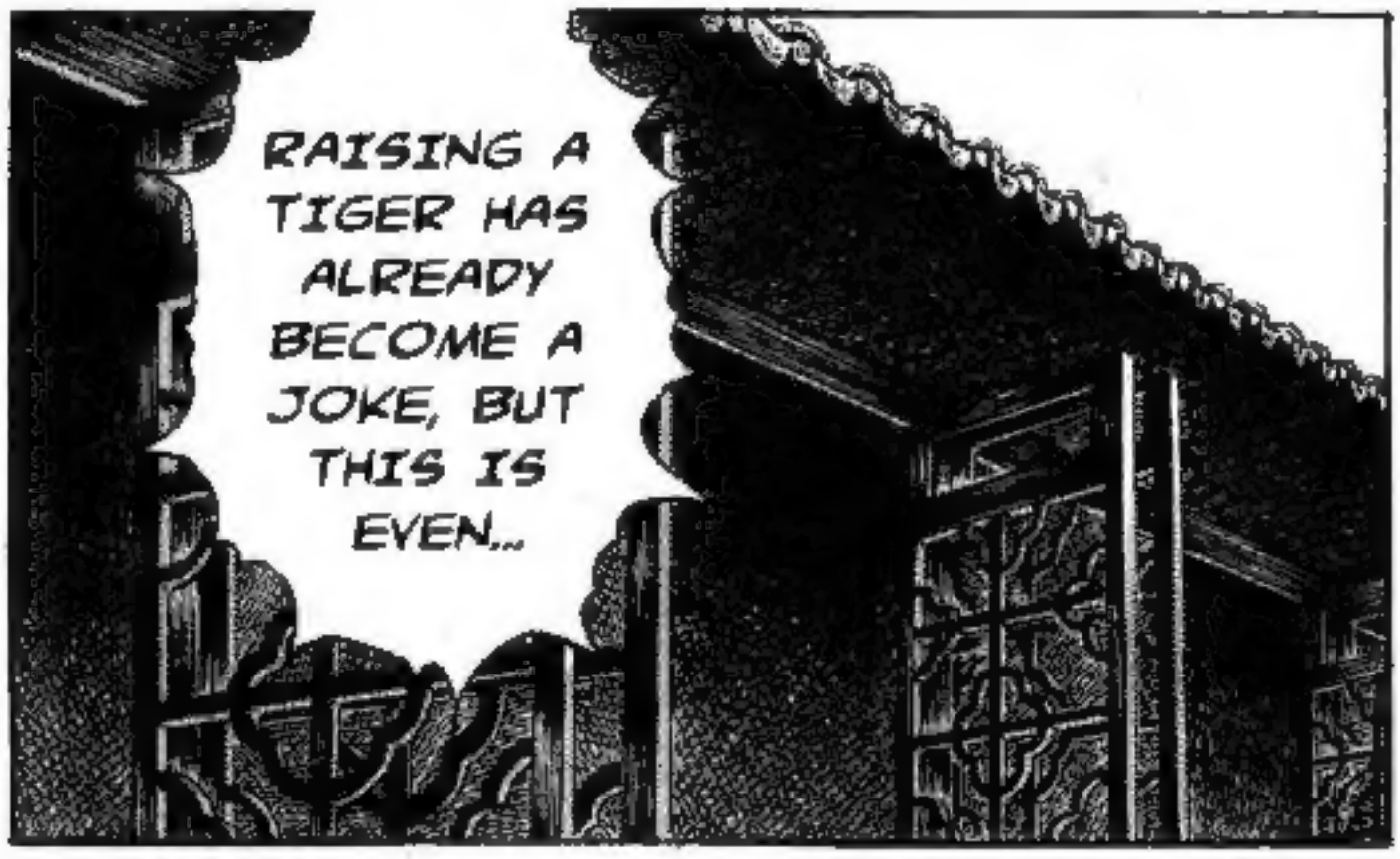

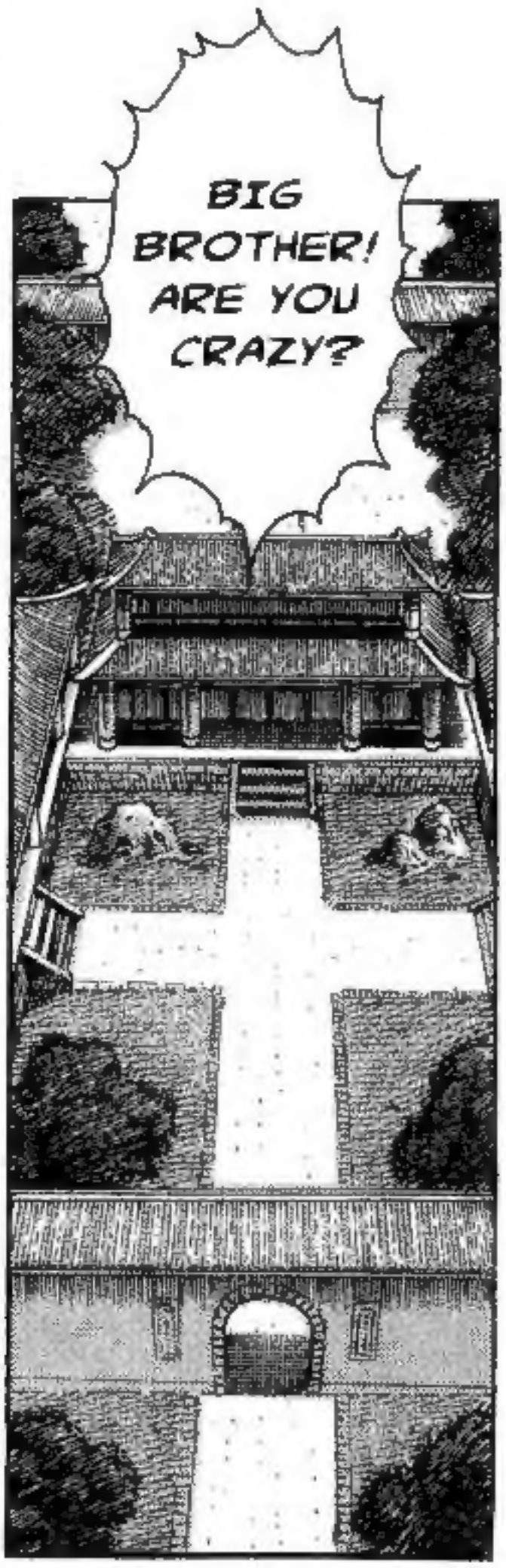

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CHAPTER 175 EACH HAS HIS ENEMY

DON'T WORRY, SIR ZHANG, LORD LIU KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

JIAN YONG

YOU CAN STAY IF YOU'RE WORRIED.

GO AND GET YOURSELF KILLED.

("NO ONE IS THERE TO STOP YOU FROM HEADING TO YOUR DEATH")

FROM SIR ZHANG'S EXPRESSION ...

MUST BE THE EMPEROR'S EDICT TO HAVE LORD LIU FIGHT THE AMBITIOUS YUAN SHU, RIGHT?

THEN OUR PLAN TO DEAL WITH LU BU MUST BE SET ASIDE FOR NOW.

I CAN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING WITH A FOOLISH BROTHER LIKE HIM.

WE ALL KNOW THIS IS CAO CAO'S DIMINUTION TACTIC.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RATIONAL.

WHY DO YOU CRITICIZE A MAN WHO PUTS RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST?

HISTORIANS, TOO, ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF OTHERS; WHAT DO THEY KNOW?

THOUGH THE HISTORY BOOKS MAY SAY YOU'RE FOOLHARDY.

TAKE THIS.

MAP OF THE NEARBY BATTLEFIELD ... WHEN DID YOU GO?

YOU'RE NOT GOING?

XUZHOU WASN'T EASY TO GET. I WANT TO GUARD IT PERSONALLY.

GOING BY THIS ROUTE WILL REDUCE CASUALTIES.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

BESIDES, YOU'RE MORE SKILLED THAN ME ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

I'M JUST AN ASSASSIN, NOT A SOLDIER.

BOTH OF YOU ARE STAYING?

AH, CHEN DENG HAS COME TOO.

THE CHEN CLAN WILL PROVIDE THE MILITARY FUNDING.

CHEN DENG

DON'T WORRY; THIS IS HOW REPUTATION IS ACCUMULATED.

CUT THE CHATTER ON THE BATTLEFIELD, BROTHER; JUST TAKE CARE OF BIG BRO.

TSK, WHY DON'T YOU?

RIGHT, A RARE OPPOR-TUNITY.

BAD NEWS?

YES.

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD BE ENOUGH IF YOU KEEP SEARCHING LIKE THIS.

SEARCH FOR WHOM?

KEEP SEARCHING. BONES CAN'T BE WANDERING ABOUT EITHER.

A "YOUNGER BROTHER" OF MINE.

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, SIR ZHANG.

DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR THE SENTIMENTAL TYPE.

("DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD VALUE COMRADSH!"

LESS TALKING; LET'S GO DRINKING WITH SOMEBODY.

CAO BAO AGAIN?

I KNEW YOU LIKED TO FAKE DRUNKEN-NESS.

YES! CAO BAO AGAIN.

HAHA, CHEN DENG.

I WANT YOU TO SPREAD THE RUMOR ABOUT ME BEING RECKLESS. MAKE SURE EVERYBODY AROUND HERE KNOWS.

WHAT'S YOUR INTEN-TION!?

WOULDN'T THAT MAN COME?

YOU MEAN...?

AFTER LORD LIU IS SENT AWAY,

YUAN SHU'S TERRITORY

LU,

BU.

YOU MEAN LIU BEI WILL TAKE ACTION?

ZHANG LIAO

I'VE BEEN OBSERVING THE MOBILIZATION, AND IT SEEMS LIU BEI HAS ACCEPTED THE IMPERIAL EDICT.

PROCEED AS PLANNED - ATTACK FROM BEHIND.

CAO CAO'S TIMING IS PERFECT. HE'S DOING THIS WHEN LIU BEI'S INFLUENCE IS STILL WEAK.

DON'T WORRY. BY NOW I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT XUZHOU.

JI LING

MY SIDE HAS ALREADY DONE PREPARING. WHAT ABOUT YOURS?

I WANT TO KNOW WHO I'M UP AGAINST THIS TIME?

LIU BEI HAS TWO POWERFUL SUBORD-INATES.

THE WISE ONE WILL MAINTAIN THE DEFENSES.

STRATEGICALLY SPEAKING, THE MIGHTY AND INSPIRING ONE WILL LEAD THE OFFENSIVE;

GUAN YU.

THEN YOUR OPPONENT IS ZHANG FEI.

HE AND I HAVE ALWAYS SHARED A "COMMON GROUND".

BASED ON THIS NUMBER OF SUPPLY WAGONS, I SAY JI LING HAS A SIZABLE ARMY.

THIS FOOLISH LIU BEI DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIS OWN LIMITS.

BUT HIS LOYALTY IS ADMIRABLE.

SIXTH, I WANT TO SEE HOW THIS TURNS OUT.

IS THIS YOUR EXCUSE, SEVENTH?

OH NO, MASTER WANTS US TO GO TO THE EASTERN REGION TO CONGRATULATE ZHOU YU, BUT SOMEONE...

I JUST RESPECT PEOPLE WHO ASPIRE TO SAVE THE COUNTRY.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A PREJUDICE AGAINST FIFTH.

IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU ALWAYS DISLIKE THE SAME TYPE OF PEOPLE.

AN OUTER CITY OF XUZHOU

WHO ELSE?

HAHA, YOU KNOW.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PICUL OF FOOD RATIONS; PLEASE CHECK.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND
PICUL FOR WHOM?

IT LOOKS AS IF EVERYTHING
HAS BEEN DECIDED

(" IRRIGATION BROUGHT ON BY HEAVEN")

IT AWAITS THE
NOURISHMENT SOON
TO BE BROUGHT
FROM ABOVE.

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CHAPTER 176 A BATTLE

AS IF TODAY
IS THE RED DEW.

LINE UP! FORMA-TIONS!

LINE UP! FORMA-TIONS!

IN 196 AD, YUAN SHU'S GENERAL JI LING LED A FORCE OF FIFTY THOUSAND AGAINST LIU BEI'S ARMY AT XUYI.

TAKING THE FIRST STRIKE IS AN OBJECTIVE FACTOR IN WAR, WHILE MORALE IS THE SUBJECTIVE ONE!

THE EARTH IS
SILENT, BUT IT
IS NOISY ON
THE GROUND.

WAR IS ABOUT CONTROLLING MORALE. FIRST THERE MUST BE A BORING SPEECH ABOUT MORALITY, LOYALTY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

OPEN YOUR EYES, SIMPLETONS.

THIS EMPIRE IS DEAD. WHY DO YOU STILL BOTHER WITH THE WAY OF LOYALISTS?

MY BROTHER, I'M SICK OF ANSWERING THIS EVERY TIME.

THEN I'LL SIMPLIFY IT FOR YOU.

JI LING! HOW CAN MORTALS PLOT AGAINST HEAVEN'S PLAN?

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

I REQUEST A MATCH!

WELCOME!

AND THEN MAKE THE CASE BASED ON WHETHER THE GENERAL LIVES OR DIES.

THE ONE WHO WINS IS IN THE RIGHT.

DON

HUFF!

WOAH!

DON~

DON~

DON~

BOTH SIDES ARE SEARCHING FOR THE OPPONENT'S WEAK POINT.

HE'S GOOD!

DON'T STRAY FROM THE GROUP. MAINTAIN THE FORMATION!

STAY BACK!

AND THE SOLDIERS ARE SEARCHING FOR THE PROSPECT OF VICTORY.

THE MATCH IS OVER.

PRAYING FOR ONE SIDE TO WIN.

SOMETIMES IT TAKES A WHILE.

PA~

ANOTHER BLADE! THIRTY CATTY HEAVIER.

AND GET ANOTHER HORSE WITH MORE STAMINA.

YOU SOUND UPBEAT, MY BROTHER.

THE SUPERIOR KNOWS TO INSPIRE THE WARRIOR; AND THE WARRIOR ENJOYS THE ATTENTION.

WIN BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY...

THE EARTH IS WATCHING.

GET ME ANOTHER HORSE THAT RUNS FASTER.

ANOTHER AXE. FIFTY CATTY HEAVIER.

GET SOMEONE ELSE WHO FIGHTS DIFFER-ENTLY.

NO, THAT'S TOO DANGER-OUS.

WHAT'S TO FEAR? DIDN'T I KILL THE LAST ONE?

YES, BUT UNFORTU-NATELY... THIS ONE IS REALLY TALENTED.

I AM JI LING ARMY'S VICE COMMANDER XUN ZHENG!

DOES GUAN YU DARE TO FIGHT ME?

OLD MAN JI, REALITY IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT!

LIU

THAT GUY FIGHTS TO WIN BY WHATEVER MEANS.

XUN ZHENG, THE KING OF DUEL?

SOMETIMES IT'S ALSO NECESSARY TO MAKE THE OPPONENT FEEL THREATENED.

AN UNKNOWN GENERAL HAS NO RIGHT TO FIGHT GENERAL JI.

BUT I, XUN ZHENG, WILL PLAY WITH YOU!

THAT'S HOW THE WORLD WORKS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK? HIS NAME RINGS LOUDER THAN YOURS.

BUILD YOUR SUCCESS UPON THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS.

("STEP ALL OVER OTHERS TO CLIMB HIGHER")

HUH~

I ACCEPT!

WEIRD POSE, BUT... THE ANGLE IS JUST RIGHT.

JUST LIKE THAT SKILLED FIGHTER BACK THEN.

HE COULD HAVE BECOME FAMOUS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY...

WITS IS ALSO PART OF THE BATTLE.

SURVIVAL USUALLY TRANSCENDS THE CONSTRAINT OF MORALITY.

FIRST THE HORSE, THEN THE RIDER.

TRICKERY IS ALSO A FIGHTING TECHNIQUE;

WHERE DID HE GO?

SOME ARE OF HIGHER-GRADE THAN OTHERS.

GET
GET ME
AN AXE!

NEW
BLADE!

A HUNDRED CATTY HEAVIER.

AND A HORSE THAT CAN RUN LIKE IT'S FLYING.

INCLUDING ALL KINDS OF BOASTING LIES.

PA~

THE ENEMY'S CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN SHAKEN. WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?

FORWARD!

HURRY. IT LOOKS LIKE JI LING IS ABOUT TO FLEE!

WAR IS LIKE THAT; THE VICTOR IS THE ONE WHO IS RIGHT.

THE EARTH WAS NOURISHED ON THAT DAY!

THE EARTH SUPPORTS THE LIVING.

AND IT LISTENS TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS.

IT HAS BEEN OVER A MONTH. WHERE IS LIU BEI'S ARMY NOW?

JI LING RETREATED PAST THREE CITIES, BUT THEY'RE STILL AT A STAND OFF AT XUYI.

HAVE YOU COUNTED THEIR NUMBERS AT XUZHOU?

A FEW THOUSAND - MUCH LIKE US.

THEY'RE STILL DRAFTING IN SECRET. BUT I SAY THE USABLE ONES... ONLY A FEW THOUSAND.

CHAPTER 177 A STRATEGY

NO. TECHNICALLY WE ALREADY HAVE TEN THOUSAND.

" HAVE ALL SUBMITTED?"]

SO THE OUTLAWS ARE ON OUR SIDE?

THAT MANY?

(NOTE: IN THE REMAINING YEARS OF THE EAST HAN DYNASTY THERE WAS A SURPRISING DELUGE OF YELLOW TURBAN-TURNED-OUTLAWS AND WARLORDS WHO WERE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK

MONEY TALKS. XU DAN HAS SERVED HIS PURPOSE.

CHEN GONG

GAO SHUN

THE THUGS HAD TO STAY AWAY WHEN LIU BEI WAS HERE BECAUSE HE IMPOSED MARTIAL LAW.

NOW THAT HE'S GONE, THEY WILL SURELY COME TO HAVE THEIR REVENGE.

HAHA, NO WONDER KEEPING ORDER HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM AROUND HERE.

SO... THEY'RE JUST WAITING FOR A DATE TO MAKE THEIR MOVE.

THEN WHEN XUZHOU CAN'T HANDLE ALL THE OUTLAWS, THEY'LL NEED OUR HELP.

YES. WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

IN A FEW DAYS?

YES. WE'LL GO IN LIKE WE'RE THERE TO HELP.

SO HAS THE DATE BEEN SET?

BE CAREFUL, GENERAL CAO BAO!

AHAHA, ZHANG FEI YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING!

HM.

("RICE BUCKET" IS SLANG FOR "GOOD-FOR-NOTHING")

GOD YOU'RE DRUNK, HAHAHA!

HERE, ONE MORE! ONE MORE!

ZHANG FEI HAS ALREADY CHOSEN A DATE.

YOU MEAN...

THE EARTH LISTENS TO THEIR CONVERSATIONS,

AND PREPARES TO RECEIVE THE ONCOMING NOURISHMENT.

THEY SEE IT AS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSES.

SO... THE OUT-LAWS WILL COME ONCE MY BIG BROTHER LEAVES.

TO GET XUZHOU BEFORE BIG BROTHER RETURNS, THEY'LL HAVE TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE!

HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A DATE?

THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S MY FIRST MOVE.

THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW.

THE OUTLAWS MOVE SLOWER, SO THEY WON'T BE HERE UNTIL THE NEXT DAY. LU BU WILL ARRIVE FIRST, AND THEY'LL ATTACK US ON TWO FRONTS.

SO... LU BU'S ARMY WILL BE CONVENIENTLY STATIONED NEARBY, AND THEY'LL COME TO OUR AID AS A WAY OF THANKING LORD LIU.

CAO BAO WILL COME TO DRINK WITH ME AGAIN AND I'LL GET REAL DRUNK. AND WHEN I HEAR THAT THE OUTLAWS ARE COMING...

YES. XUZHOU'S STREETS ARE NARROW. IT CAN BE A SHELTER, OR A TRAP FOR AMBUSH.

BUT LU BU IS SMART; HE'LL NOTICE THAT AS WELL.

THAT'S UP TO SIR ZHANG.

I BETTER SEE THAT RETURN ON MY INVESTMENT.

WELCOME.

LET'S ALL START TO THINK LIKE CHEN GONG.

HE HAS INVITED ME AND MY MEN FOR A DRINK THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.

CAO BAO

ALSO, BEWARE OF THAT BOY "ZHAO". HE'S THE MOST TROUBLESOME.

NO PROBLEM. YOUR JOB IS TO HAVE FUN, BUT DON'T GET TOO DRUNK.

CHEN GONG, WHAT COMES NEXT?

YES, THOSE ARE GOOD SPOTS FOR AN AMBUSH. BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?

I BOUGHT SOME HOUSES AT THE EASTERN QUARTER A WHILE BACK FOR OBSERVATION, BUT SOMEONE PAID HIGH PRICES FOR THEM RECENTLY.

THE TWO STREETS ARE FULL OF BIG HOUSES, AND THE MEN WHO MOVED IN ARE ALL BIG GUYS.

STRANGE, WHY DID SO MANY OUTLAWS COME AT ONCE?

NEXT... WE'LL BE USHERED TO THE CITY CENTER WHILE AN AMBUSH ON THE NARROW STREETS OF THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN QUARTERS AWAITS US.

SPY CAPTAIN, WHAT'S THE HOT TOPIC AROUND XUZHOU LATELY?

MOSTLY JOKES ABOUT ZHANG FEI'S RECKLESSNESS. THEY'VE BEEN SPREADING AROUND FOR OVER A MONTH.

CAO BAO, WHO WILL BE GUARDING THOSE GATES THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?

BUT WHY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH GATES?

SEE, THAT'S HOW THEY COULD GET MORE OUTLAWS TO GATHER. IT'S ONLY WHEN THEIR NUMBERS BECOME SIZABLE WILL WE HAVE A CHANCE TO GO. BUT THAT'S ALL SUPERFICIAL.

THEY BOTH WORK FOR ME. THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SET A MONTH AGO.

THE EARTH LOOKS UP AT THE SKY,

AND IS STILL GUESSING

HAHA, WITH OVER A MONTH OF PREPARATION, WE BETTER BE CAREFUL.

THE GUARDS AT THE EAST AND SOUTH GATES WILL BE CAO BAO'S SUBORD-INATES.

THE REIN-FORCEMENT LED BY LU BU WILL GO THROUGH THERE JUST IN CASE THEY HAVE TO RETREAT.

THE NEW HOUSES THAT WE BOUGHT WERE OWNED BY AN OUTSIDER. SO IT SEEMS THAT THEY ALREADY KNOW WHERE OUR AMBUSH

NEXT... THEY MUST REACH THE CITY CENTER IF THEY WANT TO TAKE THE CITY. HOW WILL THEY COME IN KNOWING AN AMBUSH IS WAITING?

I THINK... CAO BAO'S MEN WILL START A FIRE AT THE SOUTHERN QUARTER TO DISTRACT OUR HIDDEN TROOP.

ONCE THE AMBUSH IS SCATTERED THEY'LL MARCH IN UNOPPOSED, AND WE'LL BE PINCHED BETWEEN THEM AND THE OUTLAWS WHO WILL ARRIVE IN THE MORNING.

DO YOU MIND BREAKING YOUR BANK, CHEN DENG?

NO. JUST GIVE ME XU DAN WHEN THIS IS OVER.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH OUTLAWS. YOU, BROTHER CHEN, KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.

OKAY. INCREASE THE MOBILITY OF THE AMBUSHING TROOP. LET THE FIRE BE THE SIGNAL TO SURROUND LU BU.

THE EARTH HEARD EVERYTHING.

DON'T FORGET, I WANT XU DAN.

BUT CAN WE HANDLE THE OUTLAWS WHEN MORNING COMES?

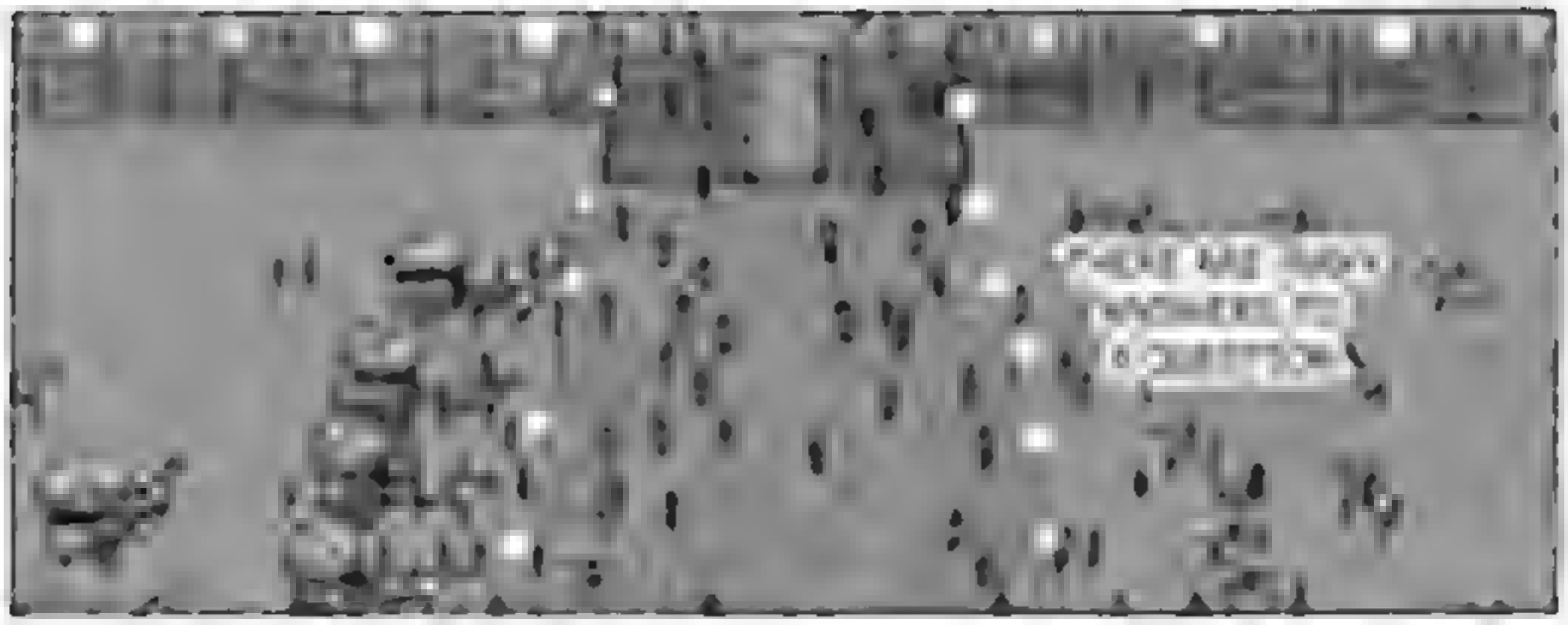
IF THE OUTLAWS OUTSIDE THE CITY SUDDENLY MOVE TO THE EAST AND SOUTH GATES WE'LL BE SURROUNDED - AS GOOD AS DEAD.

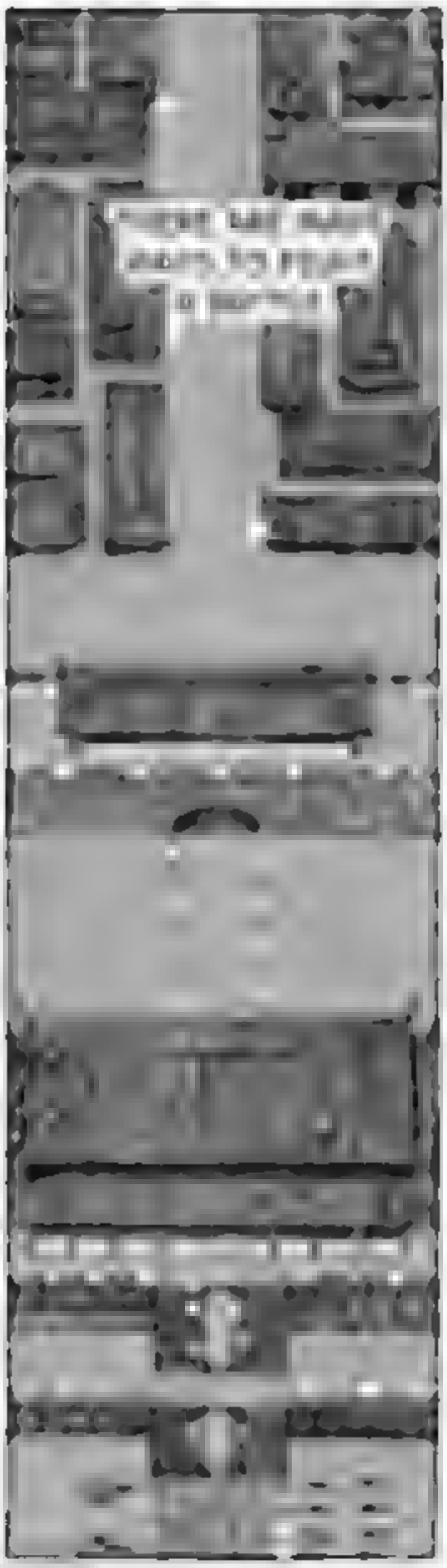
THEN THAT MEANS THOSE OUTLAWS... MAY SEEM LIKE THEY WERE LURED HERE, BUT WERE ACTUALLY INVITED.

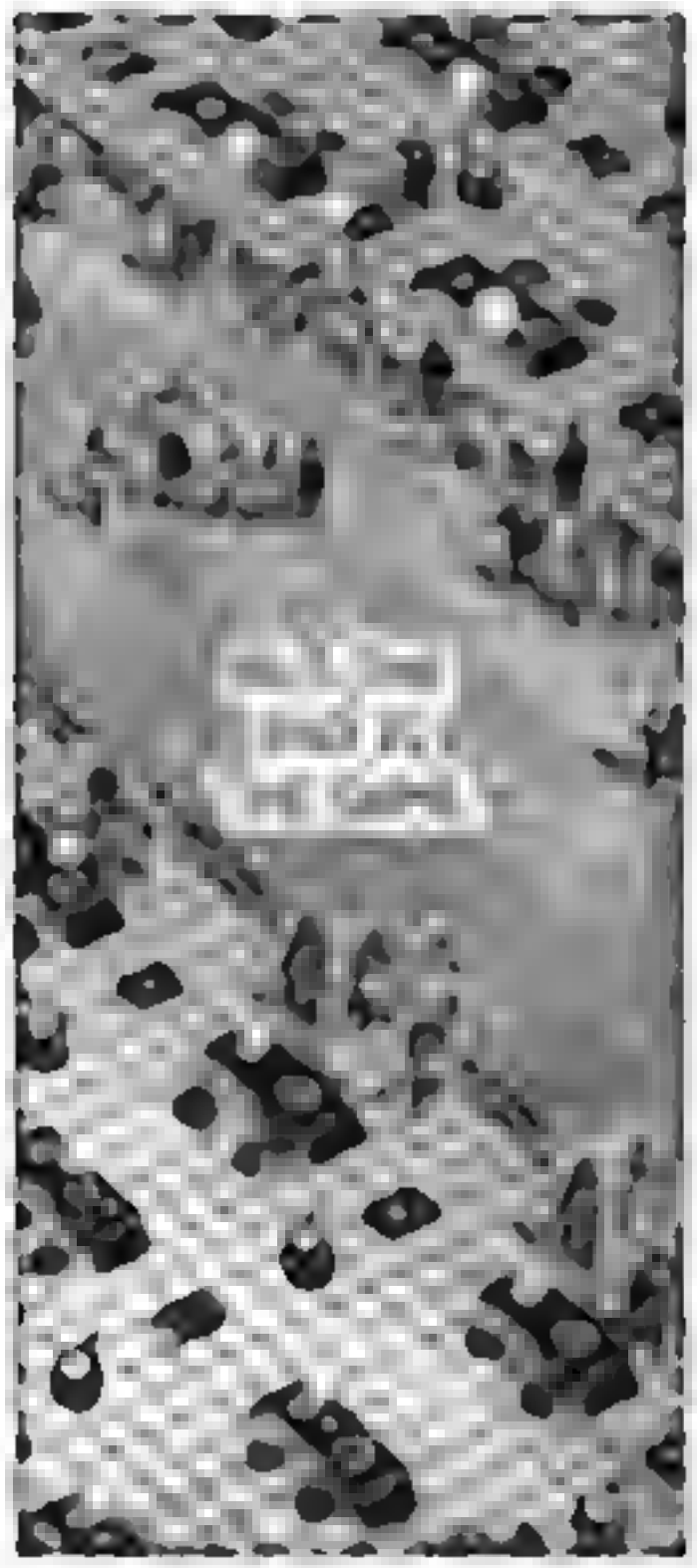
GOODNESS, SO THEY EVEN CUT OFF OUR NORTHERN RETREAT ROUTE BACK TO XIAOPEI. WHAT'S NEXT?

THE FIFTEENTH MOVE.

HAHA, NOTHING ESCAPES MY CALCULATION.







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PREPARING TO
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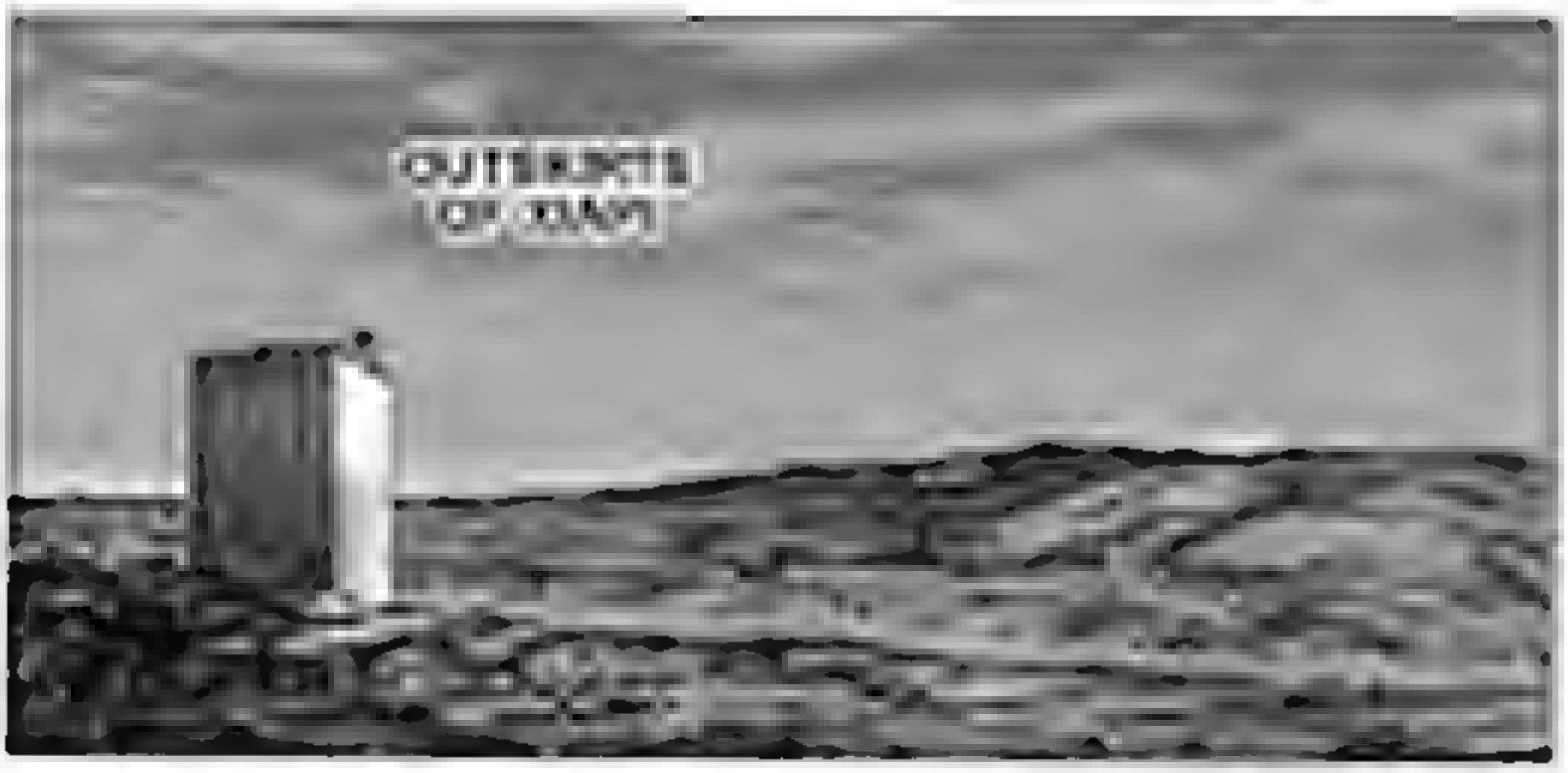
BY FRESH BLOOD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CHAPTER TWO WHEN THE MOON IS TO THE SEA

THE BEACON SIGNALS THAT THE OUTLAWS HAVE REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS. THEY MAY BE HERE BY NOONTIME TOMORROW.

THE SIGNAL CAN BE SEEN IN XIAOPEI AS WELL. THE PRECONDITION WILL BE MET WHEN LU BU COMES.

THE PROBLEM IS, CAO BAO HAS A LOT OF INFLUENCES IN THE CITY.

TO KILL LU BU... WE MUST ADAPT TO ANY SUDDEN CHANGES. TELL GENERAL ZHAO TO BE CAREFUL.

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ALSO, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE TROOP THAT WAS DELIVERING RATIONS TO XUYI TO ATTACK XIAOPEI BEFORE RETURNING TO XIAPI.

WATCH YOUR DOORS.

YES-SIR.

PONG

WATCH YOUR BOUNDS.

THE SCOUT SAYS CAO BAO'S MEN ARE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. MAKE SURE NOT TO SHOW ANY SIGNS.

DON'T WORRY, THE PASSAGEWAY HAS BEEN SET UP. MOVING IN AND OUT IS NOT A PROBLEM.

THAT'S A LONG LIST OF NAMES. DOES CAO BAO REALLY HAVE THAT MANY HENCHMEN?

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. THE SUSPECTS HAVE ALL BEEN INVITED TO THE PARTY.

SOUTH GATE

LU BU THINKS FAR INTO THE FUTURE; HE WON'T STROLL IN CASUALLY. THE LEADING MAN WILL BE EITHER ZHANG LIAO OR GAO SHUN.

IF WE LET THEM IN, LU BU WILL SOON FOLLOW.

IS IT GENERAL ZHANG FROM XIAOPEI?

CORRECT. WE NOTICED THE BEACON FIRE WHEN WE WERE ON PATROL.

ARE THE OUTLAWS TRYING TO ATTACK HERE?

YES AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP US I DON'T THINK PLEASE COME IN AND REST A WHILE.

OUTLAWS?
DON'T READ MY MIND

OUTLAWS?

THAT SUCKS... WHY NOW...

THEY'LL BE HERE BY NOONTIME TOMORROW. THEY MIGHT TARGET THE WEST AND NORTH GATES.

SIR ZHANG, THE OUTLAWS MAY BE TOO MANY FOR US TO TACKLE.

WE HAVE CLOSED THOSE TWO GATES TO PREVENT SPIES FROM COMING IN.

LEAVING EAST AND SOUTH GATES OPEN, FOR OUR TROOPS TO MOVE IN AND OUT.

WE HAD TO JOIN FORCES WITH LU BU TO FEND THEM OFF LAST TIME. WHY NOT ASK FOR HIS HELP AGAIN.

BESIDES, HE OWES US SO MUCH. MIGHT AS WELL MAKE HIM RETURN THE FAVOR. WE SHOULDN'T LET THIS RUIN OUR LITTLE PARTY.

HAHA, I HEARD THAT SIR ZHANG KILLS ENEMIES LIKE FETCHING ITEMS FROM A BAG. TOO BAD WE WON'T GET TO WITNESS IT TODAY. PITY, PITY...

YES. LU BU MAY BE FIERCE, BUT HE'S A NOBODY IN MY EYES. LET HIM HANDLE THIS LITTLE TASK.

THE YOUNG WAVES OVER-TAKE THE OLD, CAO BAO. THE WORLD HAS ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE MIGHT OF MY SECOND BROTHER AND ME.

A SPECIALTY FROM SOUTH LAKE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT?

(CODE SPEAK, I THINK THIS SMALL FISH IS CODEWORD FOR "LACKEY" AND "SOUTH" IS REFERRING TO SOUTH GATE)

TOO SMALL, AND I HATE THE WAY IT LOOKS. GET ME ANOTHER.

(CODE SPEAK, REFERRING TO A HENCHMAN HE DISLIKES)

HAHA, I CALL THE SHOTS WHEN MY BIG BROTHER IS AWAY.

NOW THE WORLD ONLY REMEMBERS SIR ZHANG AS AN EATER.

HOW WAS IT?

SIR ZHANG SAYS NOT TO MAKE ANY MOVE. WAIT TO DEAL WITH ZHANG LIAO.

GOT IT.

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鏘!

WATCH OUT FOR ZHU RONG.

CAO BAO'S MEN ARE ABOUT TO START THE FIRE. LET'S PREPARE TO EVACUATE.

AND PICK SOME MEN WITH LOUD VOICES TO PRETEND THEY'RE BEING CHASED OFF BY THE FIRE.

EVERYTHING'S GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN. LU BU WILL SOON ENTER THE CITY. PLEASE TELL SIR CHEN DENG TO GET READY.

EAST GATE

TELL THEM TO MAKE A SCENE IN THE CITY AND GET THE CIVILIANS TO EVACUATE AS WELL.

THE MORE CHAOTIC IT LOOKS, THE MORE THEY'LL THINK WE'RE LOSING CONTROL.

LÜ BU IS HERE TO FIGHT THE OUTLAWS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLES, GENERAL LÜ!

PLEASE COME IN AND REST A WHILE.

LET'S GO

THIS IS FROM THE EAST LAKE. IT HAS A LARGE TAIL.

I HAVE BOLDLY DECIDED,
THAT IT CAN BE SERVED WITH JUST A LITTLE FRYING.

MM, GOOD JOB.

IF YOU WANT IT... DO IT NOW...

(CODE SPEAK, EATING IMPLIES ATTACKING)

EAT IT WHILE IT'S HOT.

YES.

(SFX: CHA~)

(SFX: 咻)

AAH!

YOU'RE DEAD DRUNK, SIR ZHANG, I DOUBT YOU CAN EAT ANY MORE.

MY APPETITE HAS ALWAYS BEEN GREAT. I THINK I'LL HAVE YOU AS MY MAIN COURSE.

HAVEN'T DONE EATING YET...

WE'RE DONE EATING. NOW MY MEN SHOULD ALSO THANK SIR ZHANG WITH A LITTLE SWORD-DANCE.

ZING!

ZING!

ZING!

ZING!

EVEN YOU, HUH...

EVERYONE AT THIS PLACE WORKS FOR ME, SIR ZHANG. IT'S OVER FOR YOU.

("DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE ALSO. ")

DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING, CAO BAO?

SEE WHAT?

NOW... NO NEED TO WAIT.

HOW I FETCH ITEMS.

FETCHING SOMETHING
FROM A BAG, BUT WHAT?

SIR ZHANG SMILES
WHETHER LÜ BU
LIVES OR DIES.

CHAPTER 179 DRESSED FOR THE PARTY

SIR! THE SOUTHERN QUARTER IS BURNING!

MAKE THREE DIVISIONS! FIRST ONE GO BLOCK ZHANG FEI'S ARMY!

{FLAG READS: LU}

SECOND DIVISION FOLLOW THE SCOUT AND TAKE THE GATE!

SIR! THE SCOUT FROM THE SOUTH HAS RETURNED!

THE FLAME GROWS IN THE WIND, FORCING OUT EVERYONE THERE!

ZHANG LIAO'S ARMY IS ON THE MOVE, HEADING FOR THE CITY CENTER!

THIRD DIVISION FOLLOW ME TO THE CITY CENTER!

FIRE!

AS LONG AS WE PASS THIS OBSTACLE...

EVERYBODY FOLLOW THE STREET OVERSEER TO THE INNER CITY!

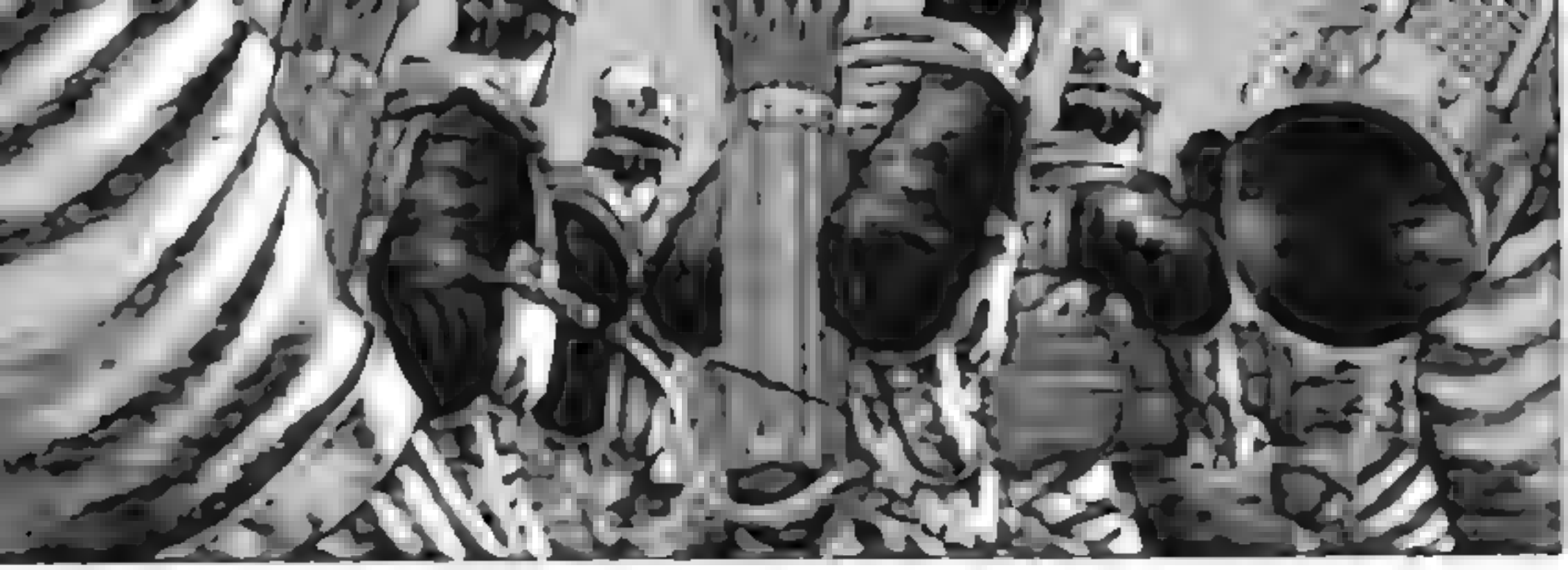
DON'T WORRY! EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY SOON!

GO QUICKLY! WATCH YOUR POS-ESSIONS!

{BANNER READS 'CHEN RESIDENCE'}

SIR CHEN, PLEASE EVACUATE WITH US!

FIREFIGHTERS ARE ALREADY HERE.



RIGHT IT ALL? SO IT'S MORE THAN IT SEEMS.
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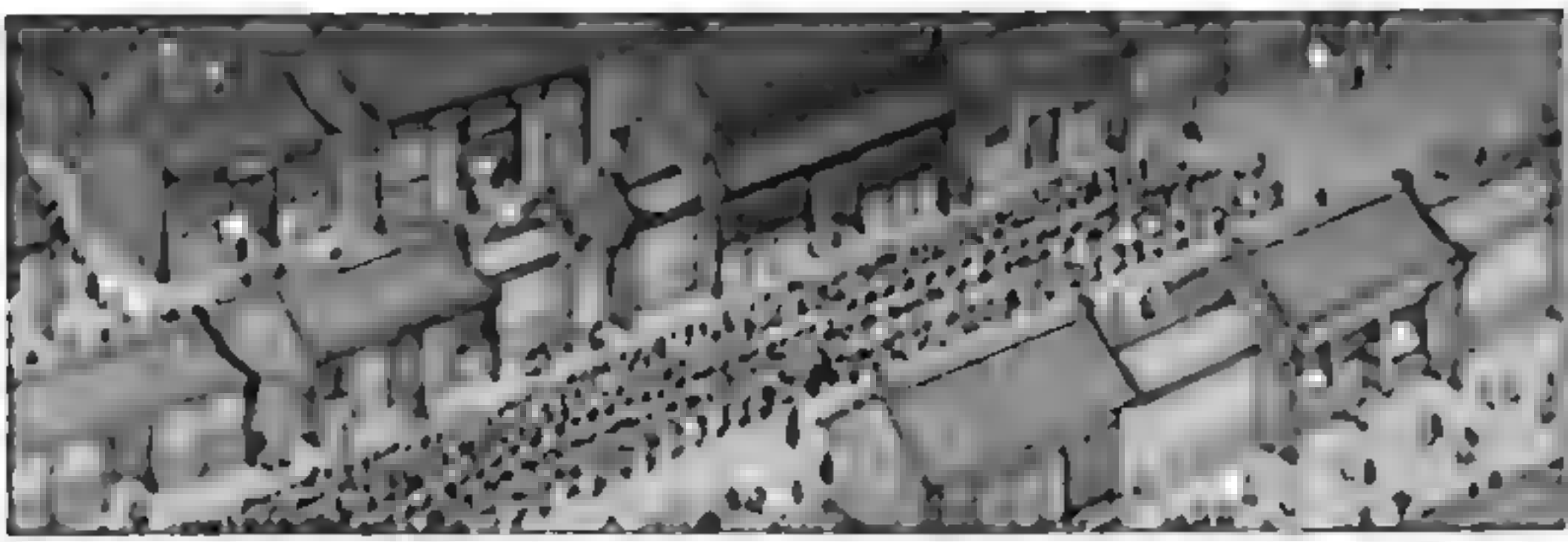

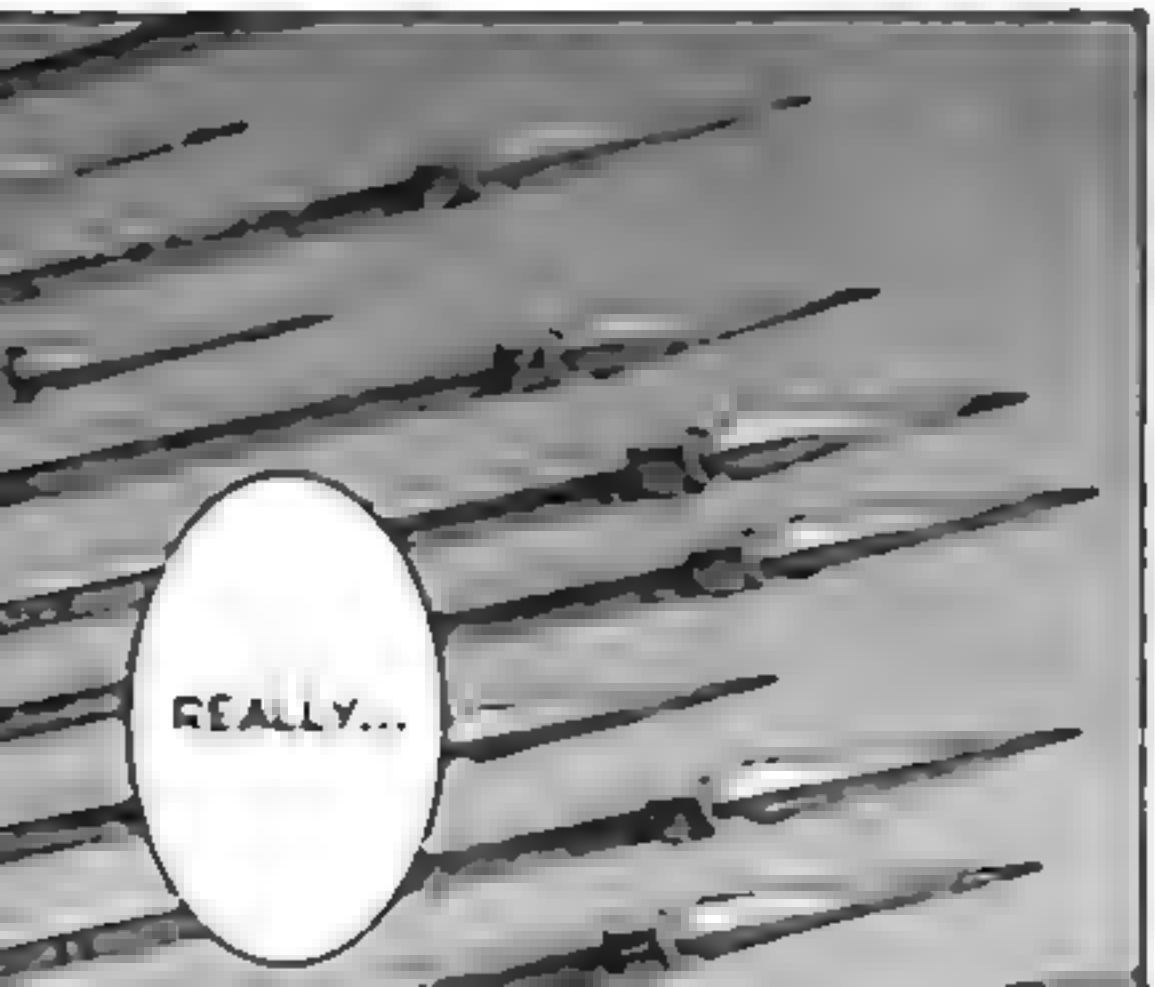
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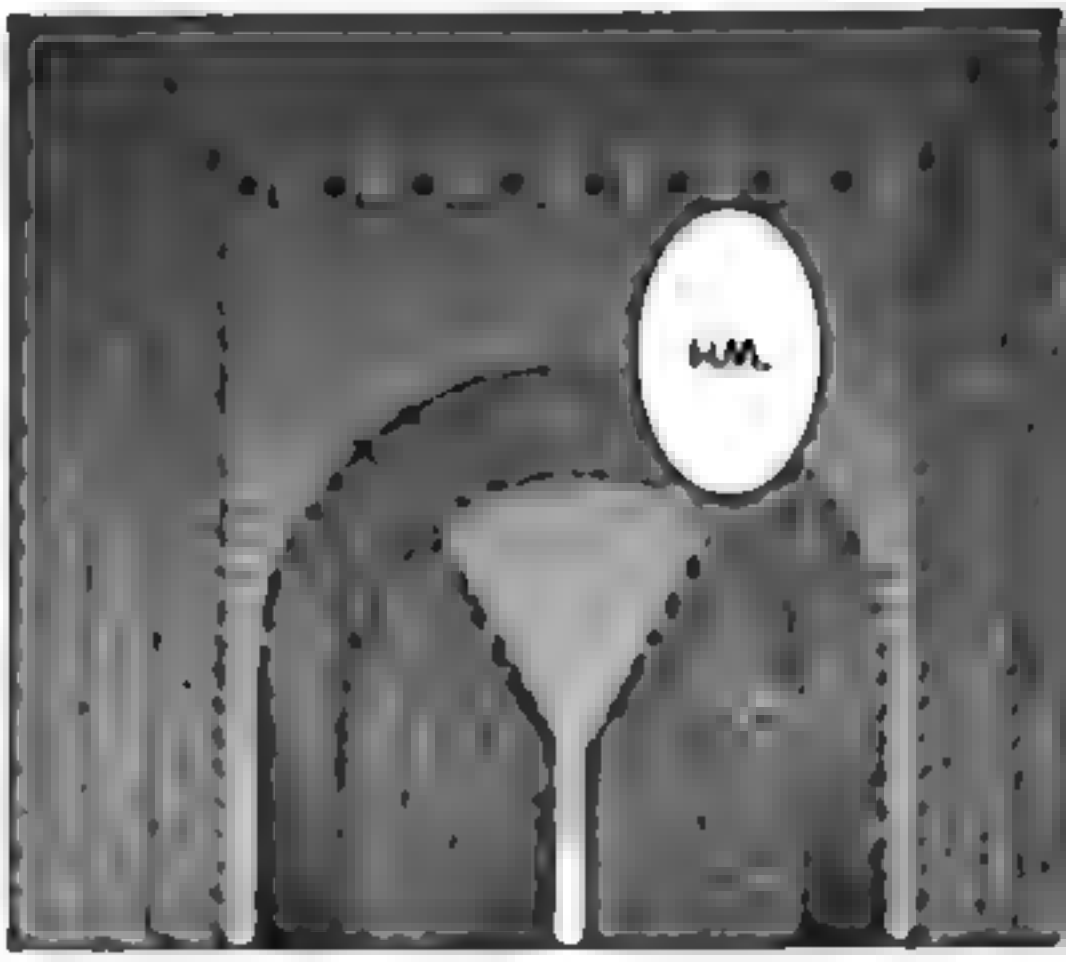
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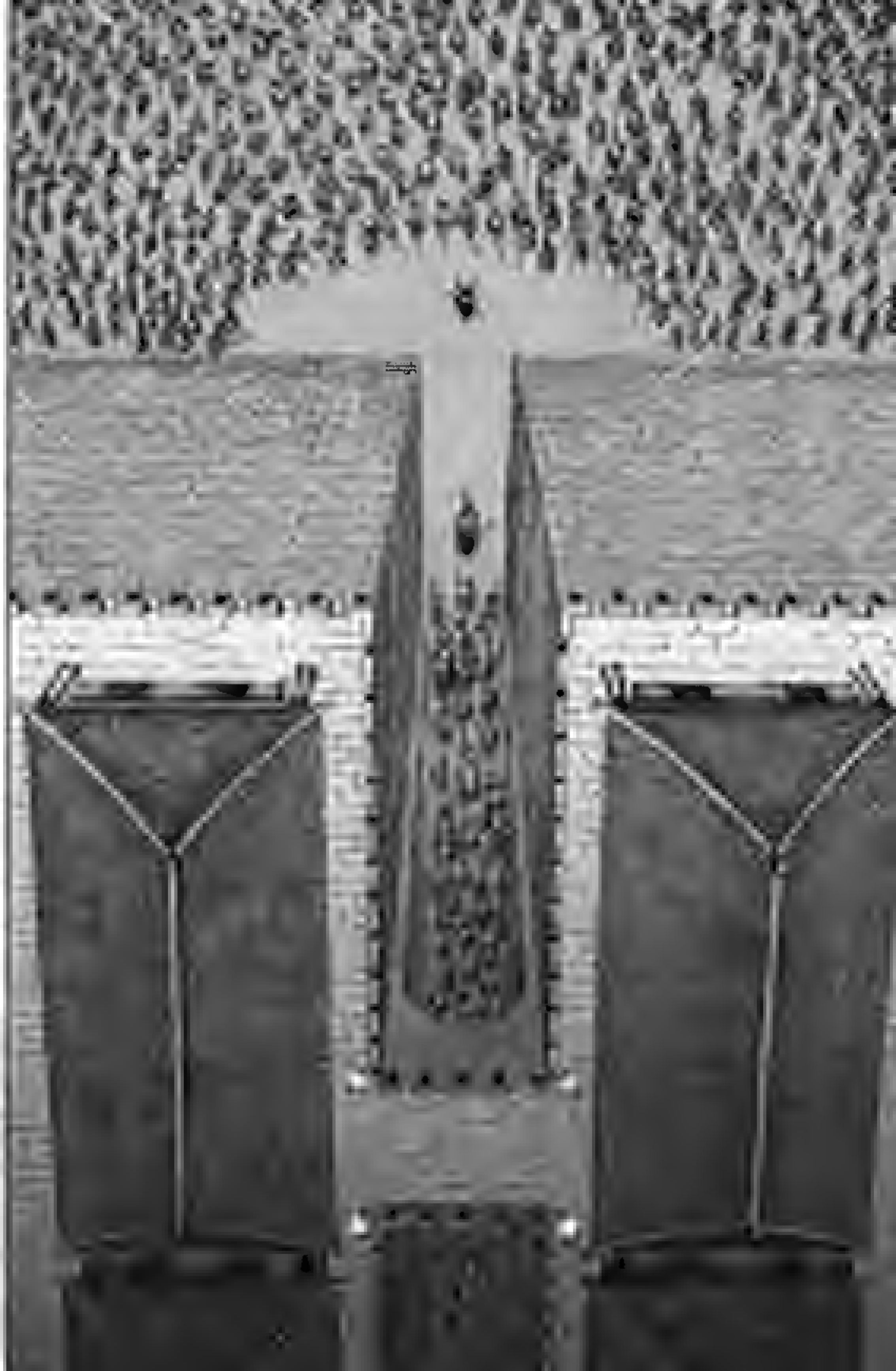
BAD LUCK.

I THINK SO TOO.



BE... BEHIND...

SIR! THE ENEMY IS ALSO BEHIND US!

THEN WE'RE TRAPPED.

AND SURREN-DER.

ZHANG LIAO, YOU KNOW THE PHRASE: DROP YOUR WEAPON,

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I EXCEL IN THIS RANGE.

YOU KNOW THE PHRASE,

("COME AT ME IF YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES.")

HOW ABOUT IT?

THEN NO NEED TO RETREAT.

HOW ABOUT IT?

I TOOK OUT ANOTHER WORTHLESS THING.

LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED

GENERAL CAO! THE MEN OUTSIDE ARE NOT OURS.

CAO BAO, YOU "KNOW" HOW EASILY I GET DRUNK; WHY THE HESITATION TO KILL ME?

SPEED IS VITAL IN WAR. YOU ALL SHOULD FOLLOW THE MEN OUTSIDE AND GO TAKE XIAOPEI. HURRY.

YES SIR

WELL I'LL BE DAMNED YOU FOOLED US MANY TIMES!

NOW WE OUT-NUMBER YOU...

SO WHAT IF YOU OUTNUMBER US?

DON'T WORRY GENERAL CAO LU BU HAS ALREADY.

OR... WHY THE HESITATION TO SURRENDER?

WHERE?
PA.

WOAH

DON'T RUN! COME BACK!

AS LONG AS WE WORK TOGETHER—

LU BU,

IS HERE,

TO DIE.

AS LONG AS WE PASS THIS OBSTACLE...

I WILL....

{CROWD NOISE}

ONE TARGET.

DETAILS APLENTY.

EACH HAS ITS BRILLIANCE

THE PARTY IS OVER YOU'RE LATE

OR IS IT, YOU WERE NEVER REALLY...

[illegible]
FOR YOU TO CALL OFF THE AMBUSH OUTSIDE.

THE TWO OF THEM FOUND
A COMMON GROUND IN THEIR
STRATEGY, AND THEY LAUGHED.

MASTER ONCE SAID,

THAT'S WHY THE EIGHT OF US DID NOT REACH A CONSENSUS ON THE POLITICAL VIEW.

THE GREATER GOOD IS A VAGUE NOTION.

WE ARE ENLIGHTENED BY WHAT REALITY TEACHES US.

WE ARE TAUGHT BY WHAT THE ANCIENT SAGES TEACH US.

SOMETIMES PRINCIPLE AND TRUTH ALWAYS DIVERGE.

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CHAPTER 180 HIDDEN DRAGON UNINVOLVED

WHAT HAVE I-LEARNED IN.THE FACE OF THIS IMPOSING REALITY?

IN PRINCIPLE, A LOYALIST WHO GAVE HIS ALL FOR HIS COUNTRY.

IN REALITY, THE MANY WHO ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR FUTURE NEAR THE END OF AN ERA.

THE NOTION OF PRINCIPLE IS ALWAYS VAGUE.

THE OUTCOME OF THESE CONFLICTS WILL DETERMINE HOW HISTORY IS WRITTEN.

FOR A 'NOBODY' WHO IS NOT MENTIONED IN HISTORICAL RECORDS, WHAT DOES HE REPRESENT IN THESE CHAOTIC TIMES?

A RIGHTEOUS MAN WHO WAS INSPIRED TO FIGHT FOR HIS COUNTRY?

WHO IS RIGHT? WHO IS WRONG?

LOYALTY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS CANNOT COEXIST...

OR IS HE, IN HIS MOTHER'S EMBRACE, THE LAST OF A BLOODLINE?

IS HE A GREAT MAN? OR A SMALL BOAT THAT SINKS IN THE OCEAN?

WHEN ONE IS NEAR THE WISE SAGES, REALITY SEEMS SO INSIGNIFICANT.

WHEN ONE IS NEAR REALITY, THE WISE SAGES THEN BECOME NOT WORTHY OF MENTIONING.

THE LORDS WILL ONLY WAIT FOR THE SONG OF TRIUMPH.

THE NOBODIES WILL ONLY LIVE TO SERVE.

IS THIS A ONE-SIDED RIGHTEOUSNESS? OR IS THIS THEIR TRUEST DESIRE?

ON THAT DAY, LIU BEI'S XUZHOU ARMY (OF RIGHTEOUSNESS) ATTACKED YUAN SHU'S ARMY AT XUYI.

FOR AN EVENT THAT SPANS BUT A FEW WORDS IN HISTORICAL RECORDS,

IT WAS WRITTEN 'BY MILLIONS OF DROPS OF BLOOD.

BUT THIS IS THE MIDDLE KINGDOM'S UNIQUE CULTURE FOR MILLENNIUMS.

IT IS A LITTLE TUNE OF HISTORY COMPOSED WITH MILLIONS OF SORROWFUL WAILS.

CHAOS RETURNS AFTER FLOURISHING TIMES, AND THE CYCLE REPEATS.

WHO WILL REMEMBER THIS?

THOSE WHO FALL DOWN BECOME ASHES!

THOSE WHO FALL BACK WILL BE REPLACED BY THE NEXT WAVE!

WHAT IS DRIVING THE EVENTS FORWARD?

OR IS IT THE (STATE OF) IGNORANCE THAT DID NOT EVOLVE?

TOO SPEECH-LESS TO ASK HEAVEN.

NO WORDS.

IS IT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE LOYALTY BETWEEN LORDS AND SUBJECTS?

HEAVEN SNEERS AT THE WORLD OF MEN.

A SMILE WITHOUT FEELING,

OR AT HIS OWN IGNORANCE?

IS IT OUT OF RELIEF?

A ROAR WITHOUT FEELING,

AS IF OUT OF FRENZY,

EVENTUALLY ONE WILL UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF LIFE.

BUT IS, SECRETLY A CURSE TO THE SHAMELESS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND ARE GONE,

WHILE THOSE WHO DO NOT KEEP COMING.

THAT IS THE TRUTH FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

THE ANSWER IS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF WAR.

MY FIELD OF VISION IS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH SCENES OF ETERNAL SUFFERING.

AND WHO HAS MISCONSTRUED THESE GREAT BUT IMPERFECT THINKINGS?

WHY?

I AM SUDDENLY REMINDED 'OF A SAYING...

EVERY BATTLE CHANGES ME. THE MISUNDERSTANDING IS ONLY ABOUT A TRANSIENT HUMAN REACTION.

THE WORLD IS FILLED WITH EVIL. FIGHTING IT IS LIKE HITTING A ROCK WITH AN EGG.

IT MAY BE BETTER IF ONE HELPS THE STRONGEST POWER CONQUER THE WORLD IN A SHORTER TIME, THEN TAKE OVER THE REIGN.

LENGTHY WAR WOULD ONLY BRING MISERY TO THE LIVING.

THIS METHOD IS FAR MORE BENEFICIAL THAN FORCING CIVILIANS THROUGH YEARS OF WAR.

SEEING IT UP CLOSE AND OFTEN, ONE SEES THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN PRINCIPLE AND REALITY.

THE MOMENTARY SUFFERING WOULD SOON BE REPLACED BY HAPPINESS WITHOUT WAR, AND THAT IS THE GREATER GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE.

IT IS SAD... THAT SIMPLEMINDED MEN LIKE ME, WHO VALUE FORESIGHT, WILL NEVER SEE THE PRINCIPLE IN EFFECT;

ONE SEES THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PRINCIPLED MEN LIKE ME AND THOSE "BENEVOLENT REALISTS".

WHILE THIS "BENEVOLENT REALIST"

WILL BE BRANDED A SINNER FOR ALL ETERNITY BY SIMPLEMINDED HISTORIANS.

IRONIC, BUT THAT IS ALSO THE TRUTH!

HE WAS REALLY
MELANCHOLIC THAT DAY.

THE CROUCHING DRAGON
SUDDENLY FELL INTO
A DEEP SLUMBER.

IS ACCOUNTED
FOR.

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CHAPTER 181 THE SIXTEENTH MOVE

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RIGHT STAB!

LEFT ATTACK!

RIGHT STAB!

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LEFT ATTACK!

RIGHT CHOP!

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AGAIN.

CAN'T TAKE HIM DOWN.

LEFT ATTACK.

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GET OUT!

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NOT RETREATING?

WHY IS HE...

UY PA

ZHANG LIAO IS TOO STRONG, GENERAL. DON'T PUSH IT!

LET'S WAIT FOR THE ARCHERS TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!

QUIET

:PTU:

LET ME THINK.

HAVEN'T YOU... LEARNED YOUR LESSON?

WHEN WILL THIS FIGHT BE OVER?

I WONDER... WHAT THAT COMMON GROUND BETWEEN YOU AND SIR ZHANG IS?

WHAT, WHY THE SUDDEN SILENCE?

THAT'S BETTER.

IT'S MORNING.

YES. THE OUTLAWS WILL BE HERE SOON.

I HEARD THAT YOU PAID THEM AS WELL.

SUPPOSEDLY THEY WERE INVITED BY YOU, SO IT SHOULD BE MY HEADACHES, RIGHT?

I WONDER HOW MUCH MORE?

AND I WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH HOW THE WORLD WILL VIEW US.

NO. I ONLY THOUGHT UP TO THE FIFTEENTH MOVE.

YOU WERE TRYING TO CUT MY FUNDS. OUTSTANDING TACTIC, SIR ZHANG.

IN CONTRAST, OPPOSING YUAN SHU'S DECLARATION FOR EMPERORSHIP WILL EARN THAT STUBBORN LOYALIST LIU BEI THE HIGHEST APPRAISAL BY THE WORLD.

IF SO, THAT FOOL WILL SURELY BE WELCOMED BY THE WORLD.

IT SEEMS YOUR GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED. THEN...

LU BU'S CRIMINAL ACT WILL ENHANCE MY BIG BROTHER'S GOOD NAME.

LU BU'S LACK OF MORALS WILL BE DESCRIBED IN SUCH METIC-ULOUS DETAIL.

YOU SHOULDN'T MIND WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

OUTER CITY, OF XUZHOU

WATCH OUT. HERE COMES THE SIX-TEENTH MOVE.

BUT YOU SURE HAVE GUTS COMING HERE IN PERSON.

SUCH A SECRET MEETING. IF NO ONE HAD INFORMED ME...

I KNEW WE HAD A GOOD RELATION WHEN I WAS YOUR COLLEAGUE BACK THEN.

WHAT GOOD RELATION? MY FRIENDSHIP ONLY EXTENDS TO MONEY.

THE CIVILIANS HAVE ALL LEFT IN LIGHT OF THE WAR AGAINST YUAN SHU WHO WOULD REMEMBER THIS PLACE?

THEN I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED THIS TIME.

YOU, CHEN GONG, ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT PREDIC-TIONS.

HAHA, YEAH RIGHT.

WU! YOU BASTARD!

IN REALITY, YOU MUST GIVE YOUR SUBORDINATES SOME HOPE LEST THEY OBJECT TO YOUR ACTIONS.

TO BE HONEST, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU AND YOUR OPPONENT WOULD PLAY THIS GAME, KNOWING HOW LITTLE FORCES YOU EACH HAVE.

KNOCK!

OPEN UP!

RIGHT?

MASTER, WHO SENT THE MESSAGE?

HAHA, NO ONE. ONLY THOSE UNINVOLVED WILL SEE THROUGH IT ALL. THANKFULLY THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER FOR NOW.

AND THE MORE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED, THE HARDER IT IS TO CLEAN UP THE MESS. GET IT?

NOT REALLY. BUT I KNOW THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU DON'T WANT TO THROW AWAY THEIR LIVES FOR THAT IMPERIAL UNCLE.

PLEASE HAND OVER THE TWO MISTRESSES, SIR CHEN GUI!

CONFUCIUS SAID
"APPLY YOURSELF WHEN
THERE IS A CAPABLE
RULER AND HIDE
YOURSELF OTHERWISE."

SO YOU SEE IT TOO. WHAT ELSE?

THERE WILL BE A KINGDOM TO THE NORTH; ANOTHER TO THE SOUTHEAST.

FIVE MOUNTAINS WITH ONE MAN (STANDING) ON EACH.

WHAT ABOUT THE THREE KINGDOMS DOWN BELOW?

PART OF ONE... AS IN THE LIU CLAN?

NO, THEY'RE PART OF ONE.

THEY REPRE-SENT THE FIVE HEGE-MONS.

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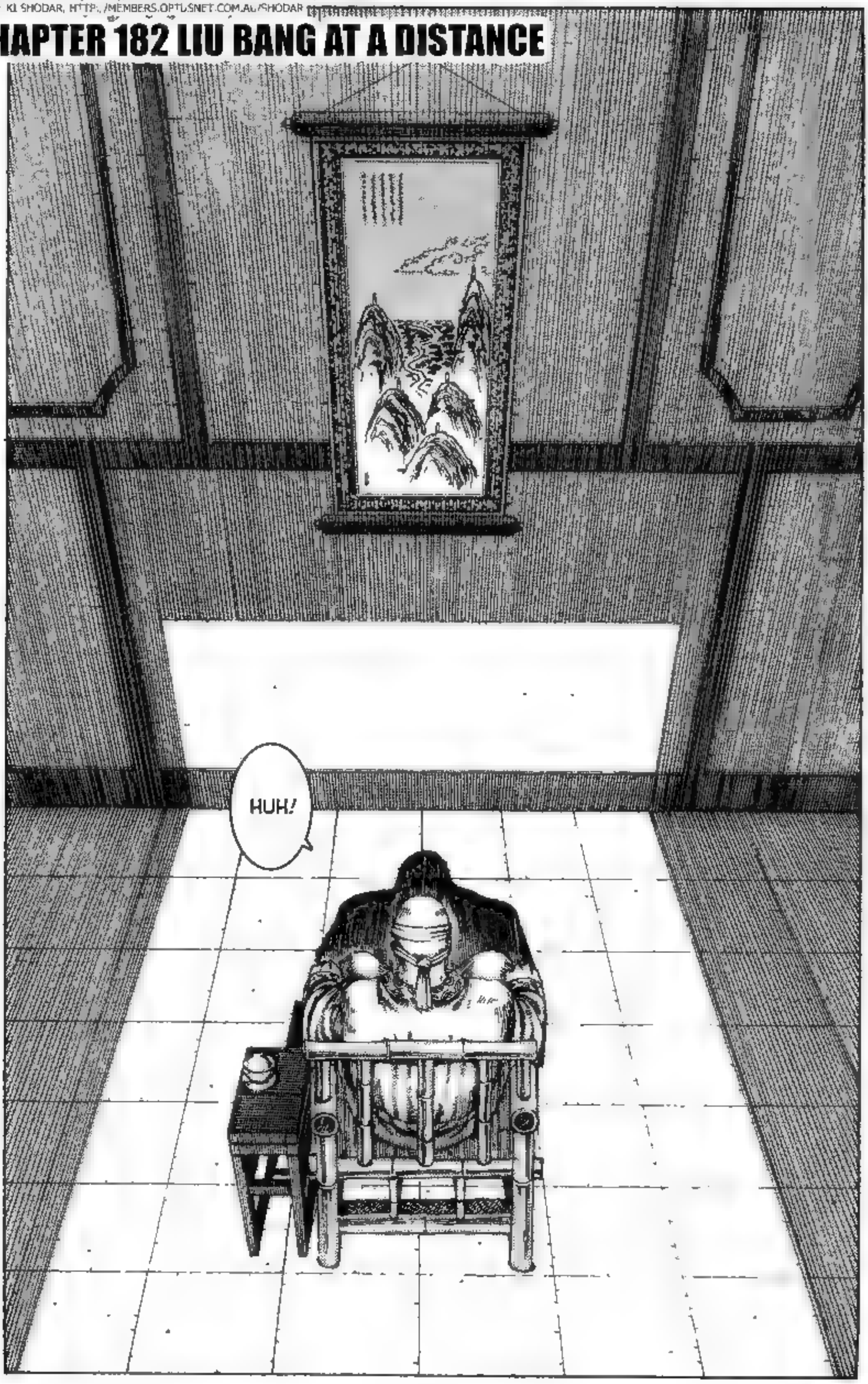
CHAPTER 182 LIU BANG AT A DISTANCE



WHO IS THE THIRD MAN BESIDES JINGZHOU'S LIU BIAO AND WEST SHU'S LIU ZHANG?

I'M SURE MASTER ALREADY KNOWS THE ANSWER, GIVEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF MISTER ZHANG'S PAINTING.

THE RETIREE WILL LEAD THE LIU CLAN TO RECLAIM THE WORLD.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER, AS THEY SAY.

THE LAND NATURALLY DIVIDED INTO KINGDOMS.

HOW CAN MISTER ZHANG BE THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES THE INTRICACY?

YOU IDIOT!

BIG BROTHER ENTRUSTED YOU WITH XUZHOU...

AND YOU GO AND LOSE OUR SISTER-IN-LAWS TOO?

WITH THE CONSTANT DECLINE OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR UNENDING WAR AGAINST YUAN SHU,

I HAVE TO STRIKE FIRST, KNOWING HOW AMBITIOUS LÜ BU IS.

LOYALTY TO HAN IS GREAT AND ALL,

OR WOULD YOU RATHER I GIVE UP XUZHOU WITHOUT A FUSS?

XUZHOU'S RESOURCES ARE NOT LIMITLESS.

BUT... BUT AT LEAST THINK OF THE CONSE-QUENCES BEFORE YOU GO TO WAR.

CHEN DENG'S FATHER (CHEN GUI) WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE. WE HEARD NOTHING MORE AFTER THE OUTLAWS TOOK OVER...

THEN... THEN WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

SIR! PLEASE RECON-SIDER!

SIR ZHANG'S HAND WAS FORCED!

GUARDS! EXECUTE THIS FAILURE OF A COMMANDER!

OH I SEE! SO YOU'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

FINE! I'LL DO IT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

("SERVES'(HIM)'RIGHT","SINCE THE'OBJECT OF THE STATEMENT'IS NOT PRESENT, LIL BEI COULD BE SAYING "SERVES ME RIGHT" AS WELL)

RUSHING IN DESPITE THE BIG PICTURE - FOOLISH.

ACCOMPLISH-ING NOTHING IN THE END.

DEATH IS TOO LIGHT OF A PUNISHMENT!

LOSING THE FIGHT... AND ENDANGERING THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU...

MY LORD! DON'T DO IT!

WHO NEEDS A SINNER LIKE ME?

WHAT GOOD HAS MY BLIND LOYALTY DONE FOR ANYBODY?

HOW MANY HAVE DIED IN THESE MONTHS OF BATTLE?

THE ONE WHO DESERVES TO DIE IS ME!

THE BIGGEST FOOL THERE IS!

A BIG FOOL...

...HA HA

LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT ME TO PLAY A PART TOO. WHAT A "GOOD BROTHER" YOU ARE!

YOU LIKE REPUTATION, WHEREAS I DON'T MIND BEING CALLED A BRUTE.

THANKFULLY THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER FOR NOW.

HE... FINALLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT BLIND LOYALTY MEANS.

SO YOU WORKED HARD AT FETCHING THE ITEM...

I FETCHED A "LIU BANG".

YOU MEAN MISTER ZHANG HAD INTENDED TO LEAVE XUZHOU?

WHY, THEN, DID MISTER ZHANG BRING LIU BEI TO XUZHOU IF HE KNEW ABOUT THESE DOWNSIDES?

FIRST, TO RAISE HIS STATUS. SECOND, WITH THE EDICT TO ATTACK YUAN SHU WOULDN'T CAO CAO HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS TITLE OF IMPERIAL UNCLE?

BEING WHERE IT IS AND HAVING LIMITED RESOURCES, XUZHOU WON'T BE MUCH HELP TO LIU BEI. STAYING WILL ONLY MAKE HIM A PAWN FOR CAO CAO.

YES. BY FIGHTING AGAINST YUAN SHU, LIU BEI'S UNRIVALED LOYALTY HAS BEEN SHOWN TO THE WORLD.

THAT'S RIGHT. THOSE TWO ARE TOO CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR GOVERNANCE. BETTER TO TAKE THE REIN FROM THEM.

A MAN WITH A GOOD REPUTATION WILL BE WELCOMED BY ALL. THE WARLORDS WILL WANT TO USE HIM TO BETTER THEIR OWN IMAGE.

YOU... THINK HE CAN DO IT?

AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, LIU BEI MIGHT JUST DROP HIS LOYALTY BAGGAGE AND GO DO WHAT A MAN SHOULD DO.

AND WITH HIS RECENT LOSS, WHO ELSE CAN HE GO TO IF NOT LIU BIAO AND LIU ZHANG?

THAT'S UP TO THE PERSON, MASTER. YOU KNOW I LIKE A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE.

HAHAHA, SO THE UTILITARIAN FLEDGLING PHOENIX IS FINALLY HEADING OUT.

LIU BEI IS KIND, BUT A FEROCITY LURKS BENEATH - COMPLEMENTING EACH OTHER.

HE WILL BE A MAN OF BOTH LIGHT AND DARKNESS. SUDDENLY...

THE FACE OF THE FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN IS COMING INTO CLARITY.

U" REFERRING TO JIU BANG)

HOSTAGES OBTAINED. THE CITIES SURRENDERED.

THE CHEN CLAN SUBMITTED.

THE OUTLAWS WILL CONTROL THE PLACE FOR US.

WITH THE MATRONS IN OUR HANDS, LIU BEI'S REMAINING SUBORDINATES HAVE ALL SURRENDERED.

NO MASSACRE; A TOTAL VICTORY.

NO THANKS TO YOU.

SADLY WHAT GOOD WILL THESE THIRD-RATE DO US.

RIGHT. I ALMOST CAUGHT THE MOST VALUABLE PERSON.

BUT HE STILL GOT AWAY SOMEHOW.

IT'S AS IF THAT ZHANG IS BECOMING TOUGHER TO BEAT.

OLD WOUNDS UNHEALED, NOW NEW ONES. HAHAHA.

YOUR OLD WOUNDS WERE IN THE WAY, THAT'S ALL.

HUA TUO

TO YOUR CREDIT, ADVISOR CHEN.

I SEE NEW WOUNDS THERE, MY LORD.

POOR ZHANG LIAO, SUCH BAD LUCK HE HAD.

I'LL GO CHECK UP ON HIM.

THE ONE WITH THE GOOD NAME WILL ROAM THE LANDS WHILE THE ONES WITH THE BAD NAME WILL HOLD THEIR OWN.

SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

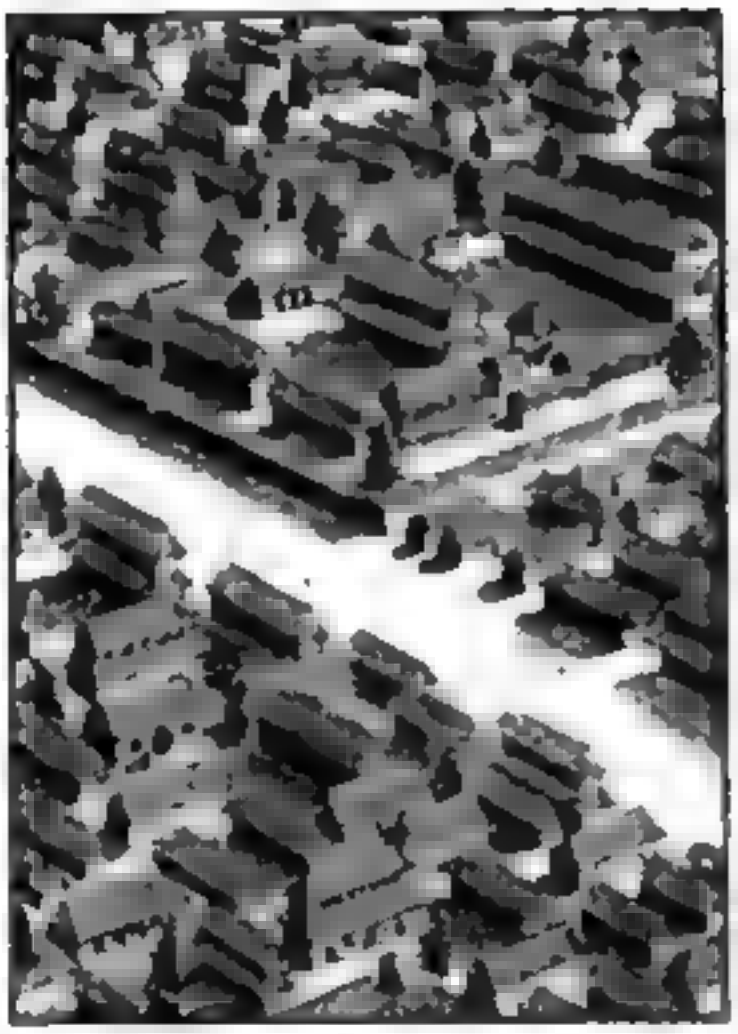
FOR THE SEVENTEENTH MOVE WE MUST BEAR LIU BEI'S PAIN.

JUST AS YOU PREDICTED, CHEN GONG, THE KINGDOM TO THE NORTH IS SLOWLY TAKING SHAPE.

HA.

MEMBERS OF LÜ BU'S ARMY ARE FORBIDDEN TO LOOT OR RAPE!

PUNISHMENT WILL BE A SWIFT DEATH!



BY GENERAL LÜ'S ORDER, SURRENDER AND YOU LIVE.

DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND YOU CAN GO HOME AFTER REGISTRATION!

HURRY UP!

HAVE YOU FOUND GENERAL CAO BAO?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM TOO.

DON'T WORRY.

SOMEONE FROM THE CHEN CLAN WILL GET YOU OUT OF THE CITY AFTER DARK.

THANK'S FOR THE RESCUE.

YOUR AMAZING FIGHTING SKILLS WILL BE A BLESSING TO SIR CHEN DENG. BUT...

LU BU CAN'T TOUCH HIM IF HE WANTS TO APPEASE THE POPULACE.

DON'T WORRY, THE CHEN FAMILY IS XUZHOU'S LIFE-LINE. THEY MUST BE PROPERLY TREATED.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK.

I'M LISTEN-ING.

I'M ONLY WORRIED THAT THE ENEMIES OF THE CHEN CLAN MIGHT EXPLOIT THIS OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY THAT CAO BAO.

NOT TO MENTION THE BARBARIC OUTLAWS. THE CHEN CLAN NEEDS MORE PROTECTION.

SIR ZHANG PREDICTED THAT THE OUTLAWS WILL ACCEPT A THIRD BRIBE.

NONSENSE! ZHANG FEI SPOKE NOTHING OF IT!

OF COURSE NOT. HE DOESN'T TRUST YOU AT ALL.

THIS LARGEST BRIBE IS TWO HUNDRED-THOUSAND PICUL OF RATIONS FROM CAO CAO.

CAN'T BLAME HIM, SINCE THE BRIBE WAS PAID BY YOUR "BOSS".

SI... SIMA CLAN? YOU MEAN I'M THE LAST TO KNOW?

ZHANG FEI KNEW CAO CAO WOULD TAKE XUZHOU SOONER OR LATER, SO HE HAS BEEN PLANNING THE EXIT.

YOUR LAST MISSION IS TO COME WITH ME AND CONVINCE THE CHEN CLAN TO BE OUR INSIDER.

WAIT, WHO ARE YOU... EXACTLY?

YOUR REPLACEMENT.

THE BAGGAGE HAS BEEN
DROPPED, BUT A HEAVY
BURDEN NOW LANDS
ON THE SHOULDER.

(WORD-PLAY ON PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE)

想起一個誓，
殺了一個人，
走上不歸之路。

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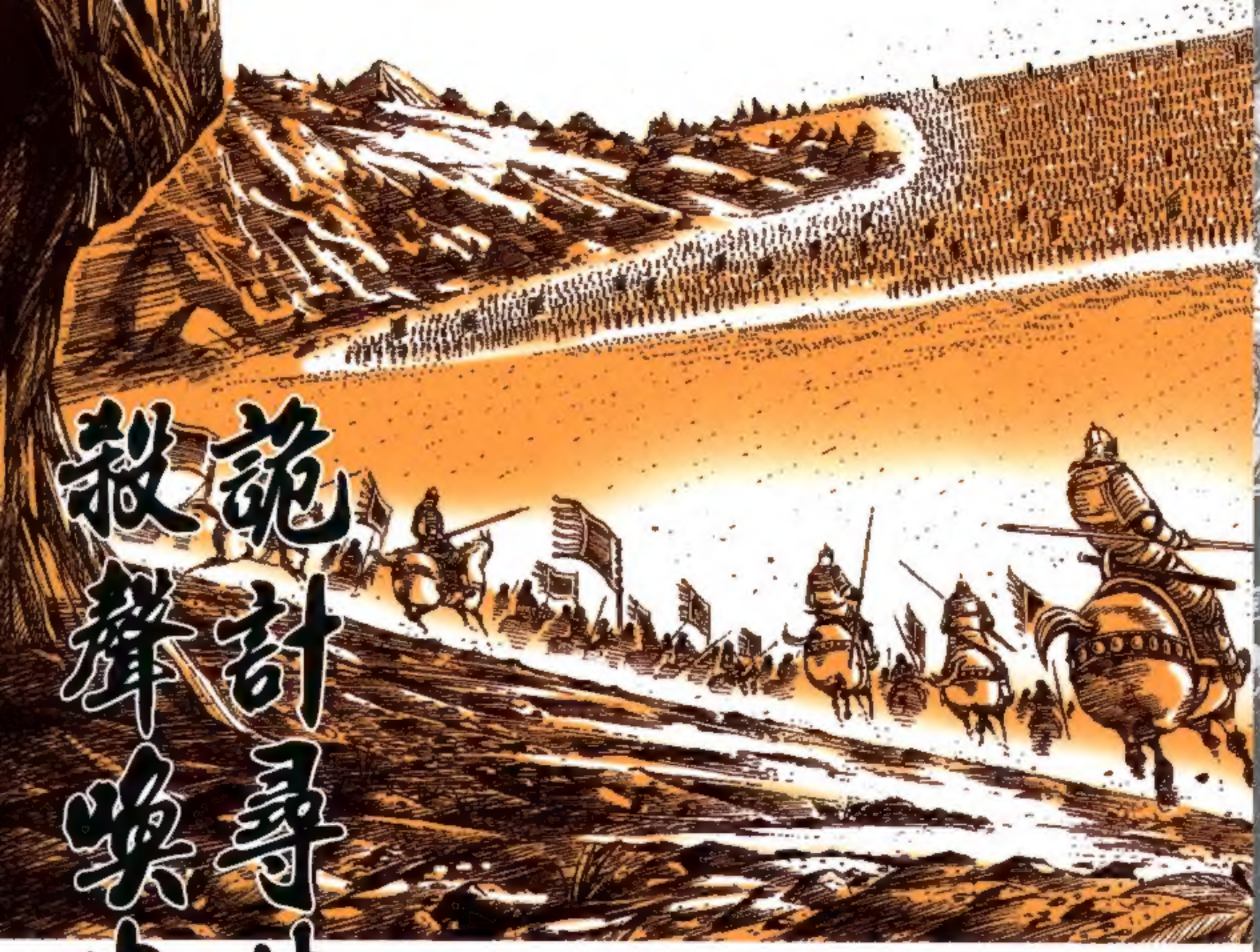

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